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REMARKS

This submission is in response to an interview between Examiner Hunter Lonsberry and Applicants' representative Stephen Guzzi, which took place on September 15, 2005, via telephone.

Applicants herein amend claims 3, 23, 64-65, 67, 76, 87, and 94; and cancel claims 59-60 and 66.

In view of both the amendments presented above and the following discussion, Applicants submit that none of the claims now pending in the application are obvious under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §103. Thus, Applicants believe that all of these claims are now in allowable form.

It is to be understood that Applicants, by amending the claims, do not acquiesce to the Examiner's characterizations of the art of record or to Applicants' subject matter recited in the pending claims. Further, Applicants are not acquiescing to the Examiner's statements as to the applicability of the art of record to the pending claims by filing the instant responsive amendments.

Statement of Substance of Interview

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies shown during the interview. Examiner Hunter Lonsberry and Applicants' representative Stephen Guzzi agreed during the interview that the claim amendments and claim cancellations presented in this Supplementary Amendment result in a set of claims which are fully supported by the Specification, Drawings, and Claims as originally filed in U.S. Patent No. 5,798,785, from which the present application claims priority. It was further agreed upon that the Applicants are filing, to accompany this Supplementary Amendment, a Terminal Disclaimer in the present application with regards to U.S. Patent No. 5,798,785. Moreover, agreement was reached that the claims, as presently amended, and in light of the presently filed Terminal Disclaimer, are in condition for allowance over the cited references.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants believe all the claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring the issuance of an adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Eamon J. Wall, Esq. or Stephen Guzzi at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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